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**FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
MEDITERRANEAN BUREAU**

TO FROM WHITE:

**EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT AFTER FIRST THREATENING SEIZURE OF CAIRO
EQUIPMENT NOW HAS GIVEN NOTICE THAT IT INTENDS TO STOP OPERATIONS.
ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO REVERSE DECISION OR POSTPONE IMPLEMENTATION
BY OFFERING, FIRST, IMMEDIATE LOAN OF EXCESS EQUIPMENT, SECOND,
APPOINTMENT OF EGYPTIAN LIAISON OFFICER TO OPERATION, THIRD,
AVAILABILITY OF ALL EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS ON ONE JANUARY FORTYNINE, AND
FOURTH, AS LAST RESORT, EARLY ABANDONMENT OF OUTPOST AND REDUCTION OF
COVERAGE TO DOWNTOWN MONITORING.**

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**IF THESE EFFORTS ARE NOT SUCCESSFUL, CONTEMPLATE EMERGENCY OPERATION
AT KYRENIA WITH APPROXIMATELY SIXTEEN LINGUISTS UNDER YOUR DIRECTION
COVERING ARABIC FROM BAGHDAD, BEIRUT, CAIRO, DAMASCUS, JERUSALEM, VOICE
OF ISRAEL, HAGANA, AL-INQAZ, MOSCOW AND TEHRAN, HEBREW FROM JERUSALEM,
VOICE OF ISRAEL, HAGANA, AL-INQAZ, STERN GANG AND IKGUN, ALBANIAN FROM
TIRANA AND MOSCOW, GREEK FROM ATHENS, BELGRADE AND MOSCOW, RUSSIAN FROM
KIEV, KHARKOV AND TEHRAN AND ENGLISH AS AVAILABLE. WOULD RELY ON
CAVERSHAM FOR COMPLETEST POSSIBLE COVERAGE OF YUGOSLAVIA, RUMANIA AND
BULGARIA.**

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ESTIMATE PROGRAM REQUIRES LINGUISTS AS FOLLOWS: FIVE ARABIC, TWO GREEK, TWO RUSSIAN, TWO ENGLISH, THREE ALBANIAN, TWO HEBREW. ADDITIONALLY, THREE EDITORS, THREE TYPISTS AND QUINN, [REDACTED] AND YOURSELF WOULD BEING COMPLEMENT TO TWENTYSIX. DESIRE HALL AND TEMPORARILY KELLER REMAIN CAIRO TO CLOSE OUT STATION ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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IF EMERGENCY FORCED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF CARGO AT KYRENIA, BBC WILL FLY TWO ARABIC AND ONE HEBREW MONITOR TO KYRENIA IMMEDIATELY TO PROVIDE COVERAGE UNDER YOUR DIRECTION AND WITH LOCALLY BORROWED EQUIPMENT OF BNPOT, DAMASCUS, JERUSALEM, CAIRO, BAGHDAD AND PALESTINE CLANDESTINES. DOES EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE YOUR 251530 INCLUDE RECORDER, TRANSCRIBERS AND SHAVERS?

REQUEST YOUR COMMENT ON LARGER PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY IN FOLLOWING RESPECTS:

1. HOW SOON AFTER ARRIVAL OF CARGO CAN SUCH OPERATION BEGIN? CAN BUTLER BUILDING BE SET UP RAPIDLY, OR WOULD YOU NEED TO HOUSE OPERATION IN TENTS?
2. WILL PERSONAL HOUSING BE AVAILABLE FOR STAFF THIS SIZE?
3. WILL TRANSPORTATION BE ADEQUATE FOR COME TO NICOSIA AND STAFF COMMUTING?
4. HAVE QUERIED FROST ON NUMBER OF LINGUISTS AND EDITORS AVAILABLE FROM CAVERSHAM AND REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN CLEARING THROUGH PADDY TRANSFEREES FROM CAIRO. CAN YOU OBTAIN TYPISTS LOCALLY?
5. ANY OTHER RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENT."

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